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C O R R E C T E D C O P Y (ADDITIONAL EO INFORMATION)

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SUBJ: REPORT OF THREAT TO AMEMBASSY BRUSSELS

1. EMBASSY LEARNED LATE AUGUST 28 OF POSSIBLE THREAT TO QUOTE AN OFFICIAL ATTACHED DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY TO THE AMERICAN EMBASSY IN BRUSSELS UNQUOTE. INFORMATION PASSED IMMEDIATELY BY TELEPHONE TO ASSISTANT RSO AT EMBASSY BRUSSELS.

2. TWO RECENT ROBBERIES OF GUN SHOP IN LUXEMBOURG IN WHICH ONLY SMALL, INEXPENSIVE HANDGUNS WERE STOLEN WHILE VALUABLE MERCHANDISE WAS IGNORED LEND SUBSTANCE TO FOLLOWING INFORMATION PASSED IN CONFIDENCE TO EMBASSY OFFICER BY LUXEMBOURG CITIZEN WITH UNDERWORLD CONTACTS AND POLICE RECORD FOR GUN-RUNNING TO AFRICAN MERCENARIES IN 1960'S.

3. ON AUGUST 13 OR 14 LUXEMBOURG SOURCE WAS APPROACHED BY
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LUXEMBOURG ACQUAINTANCE WHO INTRODUCED TWO MEN SEEKING SMALL-

CALIBRE, SNUB-NOSED REVOLVERS. THEY ASSURED HIM CONTEMPLATED ACTION WAS NOT LOCAL BUT IN BRUSSELS AND THAT IT WAS NOT CRIMINAL BUT "PURELY POLITICAL". THEY STATED THAT IT INVOLVED ATTACK ON AN OFFICIAL DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY ATTACHED TO THE AMERICAN EMBASSY AT BRUSSELS AND IMPLIED THAT THE OFFICIAL WAS HIGH-RANKING. REQUEST WAS FIRST FOR 19, LATER FOR A MINIMUM OF 12 TO 14, HANDGUNS. LUXEMBOURG SOURCE REFUSED TO HELP.

4. TWO MEN DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: SPOKESMAN WAS OLDER AND MORE ARTICULATE OF THE TWO, GAVE HIS NAME AS GEORGES HANSSENS, NATIONALITY AS BELGIAN, ADDRESS AS CHATEAU DE BOUZENOL, PROVINCE OF LUXEMBOURG, BELGIUM. MEDIUM HEIGHT AND BUILD, GREYING HAIR, MOUSTACHE, APPEARANCE DESCRIBED AS DISTINGUISHED AND MILITARY, QUOTE WITH THE MANNER OF A BRITISH ARMY MAJOR UNQUOTE. SPOKE EDUCATED FRENCH. SECOND MAN GAVE NO NAME, NATIONALITY, OR ADDRESS. DESCRIBED AS 6'3", HEAVY-SET, SWARTHY COMPLEXION, ROUND FACE, BLACK HAIR. SPOKE FRENCH WITH A STRONG ACCENT OF THE MIDI, MARSEILLES, OR CORSICA AND SPOKE RARELY AND INARTICULATELY.

5. ON NIGHT OF AUGUST 14-15, GUNSHOP IN LUXEMBOURG WAS ROBBED OF TEN SMALL-CALIBRE REVOLVERS AND PISTOLS. ON NIGHT OF AUGUST 24-25, SAME SHOP ROBBED AGAIN OF ADDITIONAL FOUR SMALL-CALIBRE HANDGUNS. LIST OF STOLEN GUNS SUPPLIED TO RSO BRUSSELS.

6. ON MORNING OF AUGUST 28, LUXEMBOURG SOURCE LEARNED THAT TWO MEN WHO HAD FAILED TO OBTAIN GUNS FROM HIM AND MAY HAVE OBTAINED THEM FROM GUNSHOP ROBBERIES DEPARTED FOR BRUSSELS IN GREY FORD, MODEL 20-M, SEVERAL YEARS OLD.

7. LUXEMBOURG POLICE ALERTED TO SITUATION AND CONDUCTING INVESTIGATION. TARNOFF

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